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12 (Amended). A method as claimed in one of claims 4 - 7, wherein said longterm average is of the order of minutes.

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13 (Amended). A method as claimed in one of claims 4 - 7, wherein said longterm average is taken over ten or more breaths.

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20 (Amended). Apparatus as claimed in one of claims 16 - 19, wherein, for the case of said longterm average exceeding said threshold, the controller operates subject to the condition that the time in excess must be greater than a minimum period of time before it is determined that a potential or actual overpressure is occurring.

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21 (Amended). Apparatus as claimed in one of claims 16 - 19, further comprising alarm signalling means, coupled to said controller, for indicating that an alarm state exists if the threshold value is approached or exceeded.

22 (Amended). Apparatus as claimed in one of claims 16 - 19, wherein said controller determines the longterm average in the order of minutes.

23 (Amended). Apparatus as claimed in one of claims 16 - 19, wherein said controller determines the longterm average over ten or more breaths.

REMARKS

Claims 8, 12-13, and 20 through 23 have been amended to correct their dependency.